GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Departmental action initiated against Sri J. Gopala Rao, Tahsildar, Vajrapu Kottur Mandal, Srikakulam district for violating the rules 3 (1) (2) & (5) of APCS Conduct Rules, 1964 - Under rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules 1991 r/w Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Article of Charges – Explanation submitted – further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 12 **Dated:03.01.2020**

Read the following:

1 From the DG, ACB Lr.Rc.No.198/RCT-VSK/2014-S.12, Dt.17.05.2016
2.Govt.Memo.No.25767/Vig.III(1)/2014-3, Revenue (Vig.III) Dept, Dt:17.06.2016
3.Proceedings of the Collector & District Magistrate, Srikakulam District, Rc.No.1267/2016 A2, Dt:30.08.2016
4.Written statement of defense Dt:31.10.2017 of Sri J. Gopala Rao, former Tahsildar, Vajrapu Kottur Mandal, Srikakulam district (now retired).

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ORDER:

Whereas, it was brought to the notice of the Government that Sri Saluru Venkata Jaganmohana Rao, @ Jagannadh, MRI, O/o the Tahsildar, Vajrapukotturu Mandal, Srikakulam District was trapped by the ACB when he demanded and accepted bribe of Rs.2,000/- from the complainant on 23.08.2014 for doing official favour. The DG, ACB has recommended in their final report has recommended for prosecution of Sri S.V. Jaganmohana Rao, MRI in a court of law for the offences committed and punishable under P.C.Act, 1988 and to initiate departmental action against Sri J.Gopala Rao, the then Tahsildar, Vajrapukotturu Mandal, Srikakulam District for violation of conduct rules, vide the reference 1st read above. On sanction of prosecution by Govt, CC.No.31/2016 has been filed by the ACB Authorities against Sri Saluru Venkata Jaganmohana Rao, MRI, o/O the Tahsildar, Vajrapurkotturu Mandal Srikaulam Dist.

2. And whereas, after considering the recommendation of the D.G., ACB, the District Collector, Srikakulam District was requested for initiation of Departmental action against Sri J.Gopala Rao, the then Tahsildar, Vajrapukotturu Mandal, Srikakulam District for his failure in supervising the work of the Revenue inspector Sri S.V. Jaganmohana Rao and allowing the Revenue inspector to accept the bribe from the complainant and also for violation of the A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules, 1964. The District Collector, Srikakulam is also requested to take further action as per the Scheme of Vigilance, vide the reference 2nd read above.

3. Accordingly, the District Collector has issued the following articles of charge on Sri J. Gopala Rao, former Tahsildar, Vajrapu Kottur Mandal, Srikakulam district (now retired) for violating the A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules, 1964, vide the reference 3rd read above.

Charge:

Sri J.Gopala Rao, while working as Tahsildar, Vajrapukotturu mandal from 11.06.2014 to 24.06.2016 failed to supervise the work and conduct of Sri S.V.Jagan Mohana Rao, Mandal Revenue Inspector-I which neglected in extension of bribe from Laisetti Sankara Rao in date of birth transaction which is a violation of Rule 3(1) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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4. In reply, the Charged Officer Sri J. Gopala Rao, former Tahsildar has submitted his explanation denying the charge and further submitted that he has joined as Tahsildar, Vajrapukotturu Mandal in the month of 11.06.2016 and the said MRI Sri S.V.Jaganmohana Rao was trapped by ACB on 23.08.2014 i.e within a short period of 02 months and 15 days from the date of he assumed charge as Tahsildar. During his tenure as Tahsildar he has supervised the work of his subordinates without any excuses and charges have been framed against him for no fault on part of him. The MRI has processed the file of Date of Birth pertaining to Laisetti Sankara Rao without his knowledge due to which the MRI taken bribe in this issue. Therefore, he has requested to drop the charges framed against him.

5. Government, after careful examination of the explanation submitted by Sri J. Gopala Rao, former Tahsildar, Vajrapu Kottur Mandal, Srikakulam district (now retired), have accepted the same, taking lenient view as the lapse is supervisory one, and decided to drop further action against him in this matter.

6. Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against Sri J. Gopala Rao, former Tahsildar, Vajrapu Kottur Mandal, Srikakulam district (now retired), in this matter.

7. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration & Special Chief Secretary, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

V.USHARANI,
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri J. Gopala Rao, former Tahsildar, Vajrapu Kottur Mandal, Srikakulam district (now retired), (Through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP., Vijayawada).

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP, Vijayawada.

Copy to:

The District Collector, Srikakulam.
The Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Andhra Pradesh,Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada.
The Pay and Accounts officer, Andhra Pradesh, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada.
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SECTION OFFICER